### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS MCALLEN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	§	
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Plaintiff,	§	
	§	
V.	§	CASE NO. 7:20-CV-026
	§	
1.8946 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR	§	
LESS, SITUATE IN STARR COUNTY,	§	
STATE OF TEXAS; AND MAURO R.	§	
GARCIA, JR., ET AL.	§	
	§	
Defendants.	§	

### **COMPLAINT IN CONDEMNATION**

- 1. This is a civil action brought by the United States of America at the request of the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, through the Acquisition Program Manager, Wall Program Management Office, U.S. Border Patrol Management Office Directorate, U.S. Border Patrol, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, for the taking of property under the power of eminent domain through a Declaration of Taking, and for the determination and award of just compensation to the owners and parties in interest.
- 2. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C.§ 1358.
- 3. The interest in property taken herein is under and in accordance with the authority set forth in Schedule "A."
- 4. The public purpose for which said interest in property is taken is set forth in Schedule "B."
  - 5. The legal description and map or plat of land in which certain interests are being

acquired by the filing of this Complaint, pursuant to the Declaration of Taking, are set forth in

Schedules "C" and "D."

6. The interest being acquired in the property described in Schedules "C" and "D" is

set forth in Schedule "E."

7. The amount of just compensation estimated for the property interest being acquired

is set forth in Schedule "F."

8. The names and addresses of known parties having or claiming an interest in said

acquired property are set forth in Schedule "G."

9. Local and state taxing authorities may have or claim an interest in the property by

reason of taxes and assessments due and eligible.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests judgment that the interest described in Schedule "E" of

the property described in Schedules "C" and "D" be condemned, and that just compensation for

the taking of said interest be ascertained and awarded, and for such other relief as may be lawful

and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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# SCHEDULE A

### SCHEDULE A

### **AUTHORITY FOR THE TAKING**

The property is taken under and in accordance with 40 U.S.C. §§ 3113 and 3114, which authorize the condemnation of land and the filing of a Declaration of Taking; the Act of Congress approved September 30, 1996, as Public Law 104-208, Division C, Section 102, 110 Stat. 3009-546, 3009-554-55, as amended and codified at 8 U.S.C. § 1103(b) & note; and the Act of Congress approved February 15, 2019, as Public Law 116-6, div. A, tit. II, Section 230, which appropriated the funds that shall be used for the taking.

# SCHEDULE B

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## PUBLIC PURPOSE

The public purpose for which said property is taken is to conduct surveying, testing, and other investigatory work needed to plan the proposed construction of roads, fencing, vehicle barriers, security lighting, cameras, sensors, and related structures designed to help secure the United States/Mexico border within the State of Texas.

# SCHEDULE C

### **SCHEDULE C**

### LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Starr County, Texas

Tract: RGV-RGC-5077

Owner: Mauro R. Garcia, Jr., et al.

Acres: 1.8946

The most Westerly 1.8946 acre tract of land out of Share 5A of Porcion No. 71, Camargo Jurisdiction, Abstract No. 86 for Starr County, Texas, as awarded in Decree of Partition of Porcion No. 71 in Starr County District Court Cause No. 1780, a certified copy of said Decree being now found of record in Volume 88 on Pages 361 to 469 of the Deed Records of Starr County, Texas. Said 1.8946 acre tract being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at the S.E. corner of Share 5A;

THENCE N. 54° 33' W. a distance of 134.64 feet to a point, the same being the S.E. corner and beginning point of this description;

THENCE N. 54° 33' W. a distance of 33.66 feet to a point, the same being the S.W. corner of Share 5A and the S.W. corner of this tract;

THENCE N. 8° 31' E. a distance of 2712.8 feet to a point, the same being the N.W. corner of Share 5A and the N.W. corner of this tract;

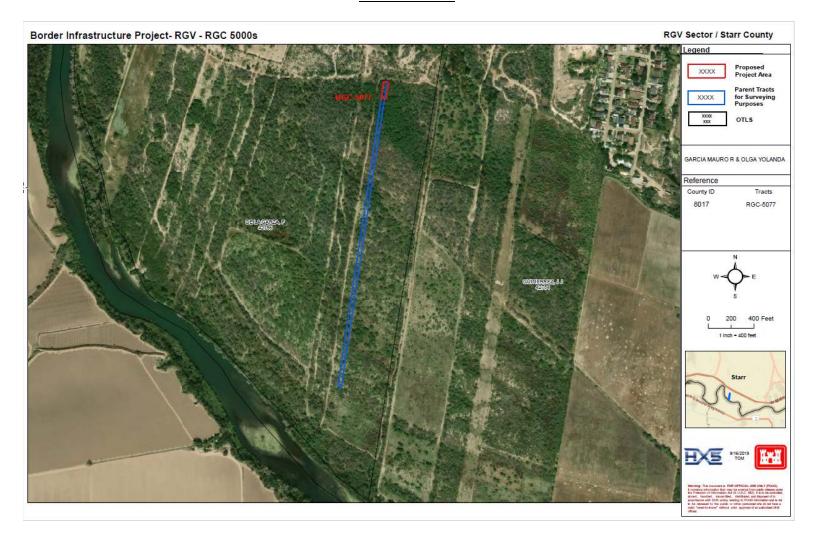
THENCE S. 81° 29' E. a distance of 30' to a point, the same being the N.E. corner of this tract;

THENCE S. 8° 31' W. parallel to the W. line of this tract to the place of beginning and containing 1.8946 acres of land, more or less.

# SCHEDULE D

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### MAP or PLAT



### LAND TO BE CONDEMNED

Tract: RGV-RGC-5077

Owner: Mauro R. Garcia, Jr., et al.

Acreage: 1.8946

\* The case caption identifies acreage for the entire parent tract; access to the entire parent tract may be necessary to complete a survey of the proposed tract outlined in red on the map above.

# SCHEDULE E

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### ESTATE TAKEN

Starr County, Texas

Tract: RGV-RGC-5077

Owner: Mauro R. Garcia, Jr., et al.

Acres: 1.8946

The estate taken is a temporary, assignable easement beginning on the date possession is granted to the United States and ending 12 months later, consisting of the right of the United States, its agents, contractors, and assigns to enter in, on, over and across the land described in Schedule C to survey, make borings, and conduct other investigatory work for the purposes described in Schedule B and to access adjacent lands; including the right to trim or remove any vegetative or structural obstacles that interfere with said work; reserving to the landowners, their successors and assigns all right, title, and privileges as may be used and enjoyed without interfering with or abridging the rights hereby acquired; subject to minerals and rights appurtenant thereto, and to existing easements for public roads and highways, public utilities, railroads and pipelines.

# SCHEDULE F

## **SCHEDULE F**

### **ESTIMATE OF JUST COMPENSATION**

The sum estimated as just compensation for the land being taken is ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO/100 (\$100.00), to be deposited herewith in the Registry of the Court for the use and benefit of the persons entitled thereto; and, an additional sum determined at the conclusion of the temporary estate described in Schedule E to constitute actual damages, if any.

# SCHEDULE G

## **SCHEDULE G**

## **INTERESTED PARTIES**

The following table identifies all persons who have or claim an interest in the property condemned and whose names are now known, indicating the nature of each person's property interest(s) as indicated by references in the public records and any other information available to the United States. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 71.1(c).

Interested Party	Reference			
Mauro R. Garcia, Jr. Falfurrias, TX 78355	Partition Deed; Document # 1982- 112254, Volume 454, Page 970, Recorded May 7, 1982, Deed Records of Starr County			
Olga Yolanda Garcia Falfurrias, TX 78355	Partition Deed; Document # 1982- 112254, Volume 454, Page 970, Recorded May 7, 1982, Deed Records of Starr County			

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- **I.(a) Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- (b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- **II. Jurisdiction.** The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.
  - United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here. United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.
  - Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.
  - Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; **NOTE: federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.**)
- **III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties.** This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If there are multiple nature of suit codes associated with the case, pick the nature of suit code that is most applicable. Click here for: Nature of Suit Code Descriptions.
- **V. Origin.** Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.
  - Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.
  - Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.
  - Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.
  - Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date. Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.
  - Multidistrict Litigation Transfer. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407
  - Multidistrict Litigation Direct File. (8) Check this box when a multidistrict case is filed in the same district as the Master MDL docket. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NOT AN ORIGIN CODE 7.** Origin Code 7 was used for historical records and is no longer relevant due to changes in statue.
- VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity. Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service
- VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P. Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction. Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
- VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases, if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

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